(b) if so, whether these aspects would be brought into the National Mineral Policy, 2007;

(c) if so, the details of the policy measures approved;

(d) whether the policy has taken any stand regarding the idea of imposing export duty on export of iron; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (e) National Mineral Policy, 2007 which includes policy proposals on the need for time-bound grant of mineral concessions, setting up of independent tribunal, etc. is under consideration of the Government.

Survey of mineral resources in Rajasthan

2170. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India has carried out survey of mineral resources in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether it has identified those mineral resources which have depleted fast and untapped areas deserving exploration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India has identified fast depleting minerals and untapped areas deserving exploration in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Gold, copper-lead-zinc and phosphorite have been identified as minerals which have limited reserves and are fast depleting. In Rajasthan, untapped areas for gold are located in Udaipur, Banswara, Ajmerand Bhilwara districts; for copper in Dausa, Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Rajsamand districts; for lead-zinc in Udaipur district and phosphorite in

Banswara district. Regional exploration is being carried out in these areas by GSI.

National Institute of Rock Mechanics

2171. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Rock Mechanics, Kolar has undertaken 36 new externally funded projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of each project and present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) has undertaken 36 externally funded projects in the year 2005-06.

(b) and (c) Details of the projects are given as under:

SI. No.	Project No.	Project Sponsored by	Project Cost Rs. in lakhs	Current Status (Feb. 2007)
1	2	3	4	5
1	,GC0501C	Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. .	2.90	Completed
2	GC0502C	-do-	6..00	Completed
3	GC0503C	-do-	6..00	In progress
4	GC0504C	-do-	6.00	In progress
5	GC0505C	-do-	4.90	In progress
6	GC0506C	-do-	5.35	Completed
7	GC0507C	-do-	5.35	Completed
8	GC0510C	-do-	13.65	In progress
9	GC0511C	-do-	3.50	Completed
10	RB0502C	-do-	3.00	Completed
11	NM0501C	Tala Hydroelectric Project Authority Bhutan	38.60	Completed
12	NM0502C	-do-	6.40	Completed
13	NM0502C.	-do-	6.06	Completed
14	RB0506C	-do-	6.50	Completed
15	GE0501C	National Hydro Power Corporation Ltd.	11.75	Completed
16	GE0509C	-do-	11.00	In progress